

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
ATHLETIC FIELDS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS BUILDING COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 16, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Ronald Durej, Jim Sansone, and Ben Perron. Jim Lofink arrived at 6:45 p.m.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Patricia Law, GMHS representative and John Stewart, CR3

Chairman Durej confirmed a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**Public Comment**

There was none.

**Approval of Minutes**

ON A MOTION by J. Sansone, seconded by B. Perron, the Committee voted (3-0-0) to approve the minutes of July 2, 2013 as recorded.

**Discuss Storage Building**

Dr. Law commented that Ben Perron has spoken with the BOE and explained this project did not have the necessary funding for any storage at the Athletic Fields. The BOE agreed to provide \$25,000 for storage. It is anticipated that a 1,000 sq. ft. building is required. The BOE would like this committee to guide and oversee the ordering and installation of a building or the building of a storage unit. Town Manager Smith and Superintendent of Schools Alan Addley have spoken about this and are in agreement that this committee, if they so chose, can take this on. R.A.D. will not be involved with the storage building, but the BOE personnel will be available to help out as needed. If it's decided that this building should be free standing, then it should match the concession stand building. Could the same manufacturer of the concession stand also build a 1,000 sq. ft. storage building? When asked, J. Stewart stated it's okay to place or build a storage unit underneath the grandstands, but pouring a concrete pad there at this point in time might be difficult.

B. Perron suggested creating a "requirement document" listing what the committee deems necessary for storage including where to place a building – underneath the grandstand or at the far end of the field (this area would need some extra grading to be done in order to place a structure here), size, doors, windows, ventilation, access ramp, materials to be used, possibly lighting, accessibility; etc. If a wooden structure is placed underneath the grandstands, there may be an issue with moisture and damage from rain/snow. It would be shaded and might not dry out adequately. Maybe a cinder block structure would be better. Also mentioned, was that with a wooden structure rodents may be a problem. J. Stewart suggested using concrete blocks as the foundation/sill and placing a floor inside. That would help to deter rodents.

Other ideas included the possibility of the shop classes building a storage unit, but Dr. Law said there are new teachers coming in this upcoming year and it might be too overwhelming to have them start out with such a big project. There is currently a football storage unit at Ahrens Park. Maybe this building could be moved to the high school complex. The cost to move the building and to install a pad needs to be determined for feasibility.

There was discussion about the dimensions of the area underneath the grandstand and in-between the cross members. If a structure can't be fit underneath the grandstand because the

cross members don't make enough space available for a building, an option may be to have two buildings (500 sq. ft. each). The football group will be approached to inquire as to their space requirements.

Chairman Durej will put together a sketch of a building option. He will give it to Dr. Law for her to share with the new high school Principal and Tom Steinke and to get their feedback.

ON A MOTION by B. Perron, seconded by R. Durej, the Committee voted unanimously (4-0-0) to accept the position as overseers of the storage building(s) at the Athletic Fields.

Dr. Law will put together a list of the necessary details of the building for sports equipment storage.

J. Sansone questioned if \$25,000 would be an adequate amount for 1,000 sq. ft. of storage. The committee hopes it will be and if it turns out not to be that will be addressed with the BOE at a later date.

### **Construction Status Update**

- Chairman Durej reported he spoke with Eric Hughes from FieldTurf. The turf is to be delivered Wednesday. The crew may be here by the end of the week or the beginning of next week to do the installation. Putting down the turf is expected to take about three days, and should be totally done in three weeks. Both fields are expected to be done within a four to four and a half week timeframe. Dr. Law would like an updated timeline from R.A.D.
- The Class of 2013 presented the school with a \$2,000 Imperial Nurseries gift certificate so that plantings can be purchased to enhance the look of the Athletic Fields area. There is an engraved stone acknowledging this donation, which will be placed on site. Maybe with these additional funds, trees can be purchased.
- The discus throwing area was reviewed.

J. Lofink left at 7:30 p.m.

- Softball, track, discus, and javelin – whenever more than one sport is practicing or playing a portable fence will be used. This fencing still needs to be purchased.
- Brush clearing still needs to be done. T. Steinke will address this matter.
- The fence and grounds along the parking lot will be fine graded and seeded. This area won't be irrigated.
- Irrigation is done on the hill and lower field, although there is some damage to the system that R.A.D. needs to take care of.
- Softball dugouts – there are no available funds for these. Benches may be placed there for the time being. This may be a project for the shop class.
- Opening Ceremony – Dr. Law spoke with the band director, the choral director, and the sports people in an attempt to get their thoughts and ideas regarding an opening ceremony. The new high school Principal will follow up on this. September 9<sup>th</sup> has been mentioned as a possible date. The Board of Selectmen should be asked for their voice with this.
- Trees near the upper field were damaged during the construction activity. It is hoped R.A.D. will remove them while their equipment is still on site.

- Concession stand – the pad has been poured. The placement of the conduits seems a bit off, but the Building Inspector feels they are adequate. Dr. Law questioned the timetable for constructing the concession stand. Chairman Durej will speak with Rich Dixon about this.
- PA system – there isn't one in the scope of this project but power will be run to the area where there eventually will be a system.
- CL&P work is has not yet been done. Chairman Durej will speak with Town Manager Smith about this matter. The sports season starts September 10<sup>th</sup> and power is necessary for the lights and scoreboard.
- The surrounding fencing was recently removed and it seems the public took that as an invitation to use the track. It was noted the track is not open to the public and because this area is an active construction site, no one from the public should be in that area. This will be closed off again.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Christian  
Recording Secretary